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FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER REPORTS ECONOMIC PROGRESS;
 INTRODUCE HIGH-SPEED MASONRY WORK

REPORTS COMPLETION OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT PLANT -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 4 Sep 50

Speaking at the opening of the fourteenth International Fair in Plovdiv, Foreign Trade Minister Dimitur Ganev announced that during the current year some important new projects have been completed for operation, including electronic and electric equipment factories and others. Some other projects are under construction and are expected to be completed in the near future; among them are the nitrogen fertilizer plant, an asbestos-cement plant, a metallurgical plant, and factories for the production of fireproof material, cellulose, soda, and others. Furthermore, the Maritsa III, Republica, and other power plants are now under construction, and the Stalin and Dimitrovo thermal electric power plants are being expanded.

MASONRY WORK PATTERNED AFTER SOVIET -- Sofia, Izgrev, 27 Sep 50

Following the example set by Soviet masons, a system for high-speed masonry work has been introduced in the Bulgarian construction industry. In spite of the fact that the supervisory organs have failed to support the movement to any substantial extent, its two initiators, Ferdo Stoimenov and Vasil Gigov, laid 24 cubic meters of masonry in one day.

On the initiative of the construction workers' union, Stoimenov toured the country and introduced his method on all major construction projects. As a result of these efforts, hundreds of high-speed masonry brigades are already at work throughout the country. However, there are still many shortcomings in their organization: in many localities the work is not being carried out consistently but only for brief periods, and in some others it is done only for demonstration purposes. The Central Board of Construction Workers has now issued the practical regulations for high-speed masonry work, to be introduced in the coming construction campaign.

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WORKER FROM NITROGEN FERTILIZER PLANT SPEAKS AT PEACE CONGRESS -- Sofia,
Izgreve, 26 Sep 50

Zhelyu Todarov, a shock worker from the nitrogen fertilizer plant [exact location not given], speaking at the Sofia Peace Congress, said that the workers of Khaskovo Okrug, bordering on the two hostile nations of Greece and Turkey, are standing solidly behind the Fatherland Front government and the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party.

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